IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Kindly amend the specification at the paragraph starting on page 15, line 7, by adding

the number 3 before "10" in the first line as follows:

Step 310 first identifies an operating system condition of the host, and in some embodiments includes identifying an operating system type, version, and patch level. Step 310 is divided into three phases, P1-P3. P1 312 first begins to determine an operating system of a host on network 235 (FIG. 2). P2 314 furthers determines the operation system for the host. P3 316 finalizes the determination of the operating system. P2 uses information determined from P1, and, likewise, P3 uses information determined from P2. As such, phases 312, 314, and 316 are dependent on each other for determining the conditions of the remote host on network 235. As should be understood, packets sent in each phase are generated by one or more scanning processes 240.